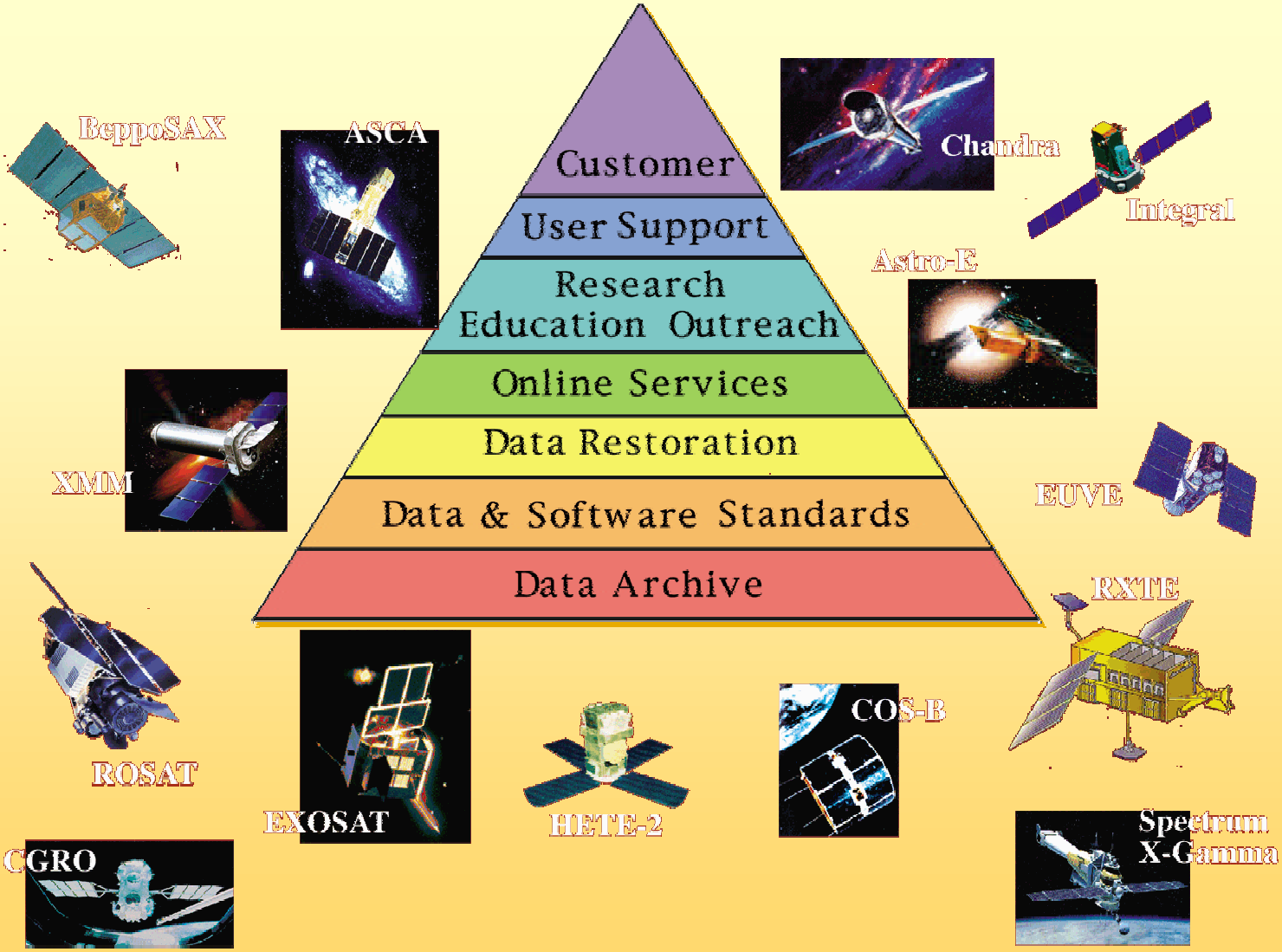
The HEASARC

Established December 1990

The HEASARC Charter:

- Maintain and disseminate data from previous and concurrent high-energy astrophysics missions
- Provide software and data analysis support for these data sets
- Maintain and provide the necessary scientific and technical expertise for the processing and interpretation of the data holding
- Develop and maintain multi-mission analysis and support tools
- Provide catalogs of observations and ancillary information for the data holdings
- Coordinate data, software, and media standards with other astrophysics sites.

Active Mission Support



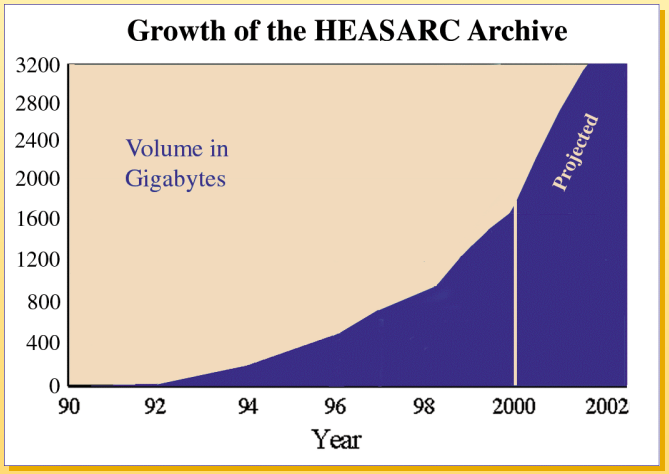
The Physical Archive

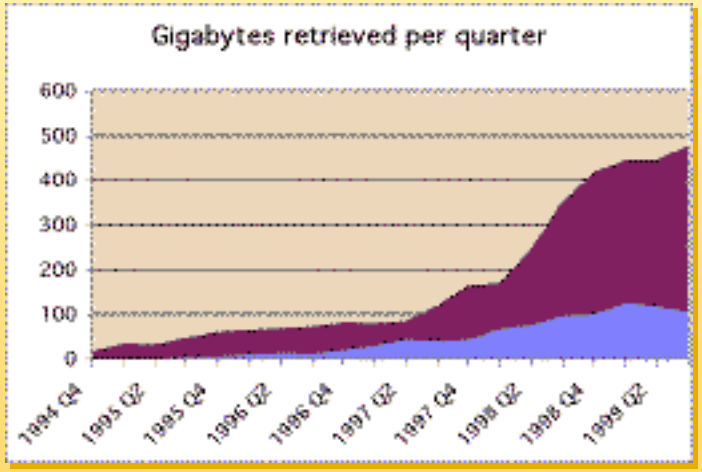
Active Missions
CGRO (1991-)
EUVE (1992-)
ASCA (1993-)
RXTE (1995-)
BeppoSAX (1997-)

Past Missions

Ariel 5	HEAO 1
BBXRT	HEAO 3
Copernicus	OSO 8
COS B	ROSAT
DXS	SAS 2
Einstein	SAS 3
EXOSAT	Vela 5b
Ginga	

Nearly 250
astronomical
and index catalogs

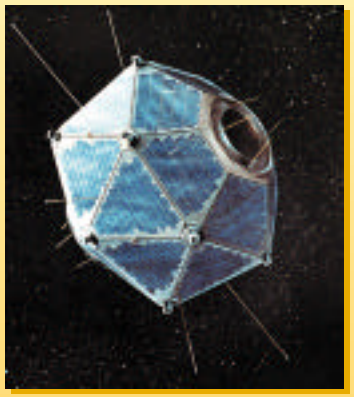




Data Restoration

Mission	Instr.	Raw Data	FITS Raw Data	FITS Products	GIF Products	Calibration	Analysis Software	Data Volume (Gbytes)	Complete?
ASCA								482	no
BeppoSAX								28	no
CGRO								174	no
EUVE								56	no
RXTE								629	no
Ariel V	ASM							1	yes
	SSI								
BBXRT								3	yes
Copernicus								1	yes
COS-B								1	yes
DXS								1	yes
Einstein								16	no
EXOSAT	LE							82	yes
	ME								no
	GSPC								no
Ginga								20	yes
HEAO-1	A1							1	yes
	A2							3	yes
	A3							6	no
	A4							1	yes
HEAO-3								6	yes
OSO-8								7	yes
ROSAT								99	no
SAS-2								1	yes
SAS-3								8	yes
Vela-5B								6	yes

Key:	Fully Complete	Partially Complete	Work in Progress	Continually Updated



The HEASARC Web

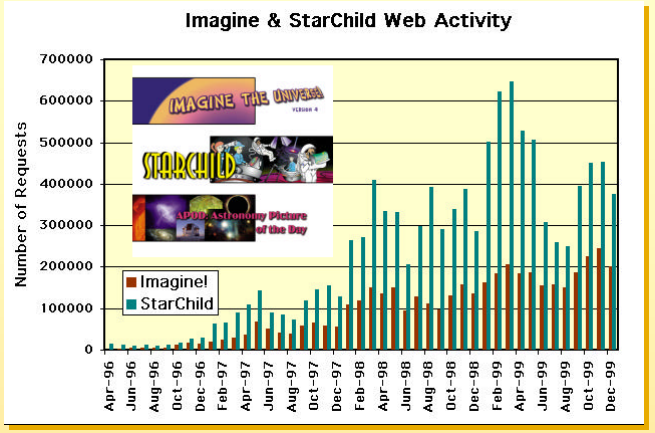
Assist astrophysicists in all stages of their archival research:

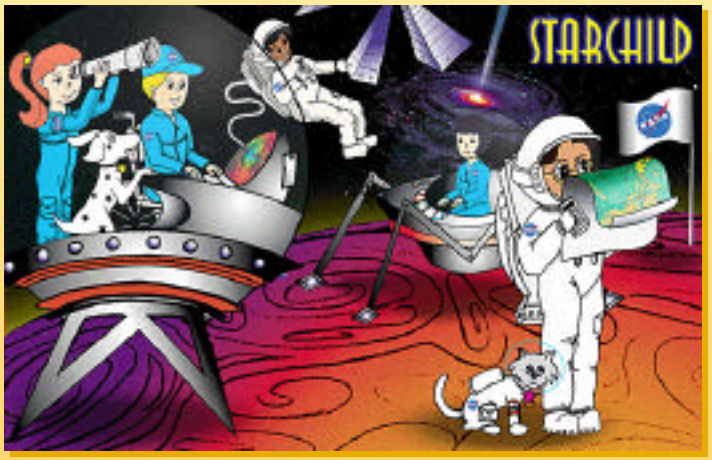
- Information and latest news about HEASARC Catalogs
- Mission information
- Search catalogs & retrieve data
- Download analysis software
- Access documentation
- Astronomical Web site links
- Public outreach & education

Education & Public Outreach

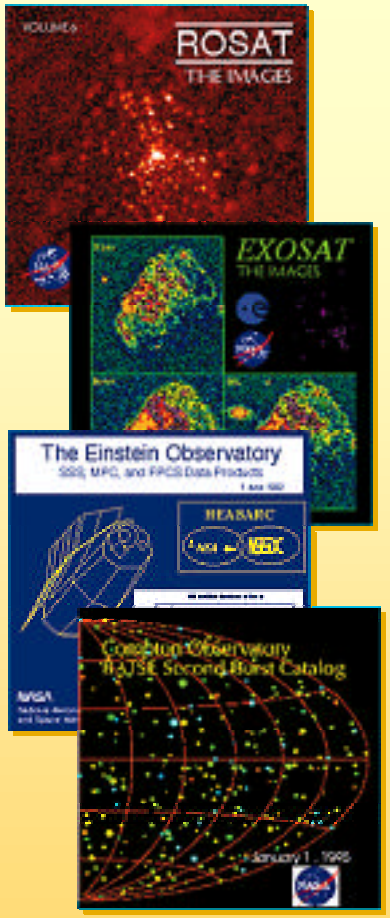
A service of the High Energy Astrophysics Learning Center
http://imagine.gsfc.nasa.gov/

- Multi-level discussion of astronomy
- Lesson plans using actual satellite data
- CD-ROM's, posters, support teacher conferences
- Created by HEASARC scientists and programmers collaborating with teachers
- NCTM and NSTS standards listed
- Ask A High Energy Astronomer service





HEASARC CD-ROM's



The HEASARC publishes CD-ROM's containing selections of important data products (images, spectra, and light curves).

Thirteen CDs have been published for a variety of high-energy astrophysics missions (CGRO, ROSAT, EXOSAT, and Einstein.

CD-ROM's contain URL links directly back to the data archives at the HEASARC.

CD-ROM's are distributed by the HEASARC at AAS and other astronomical meetings, and are also available free of charge on request.

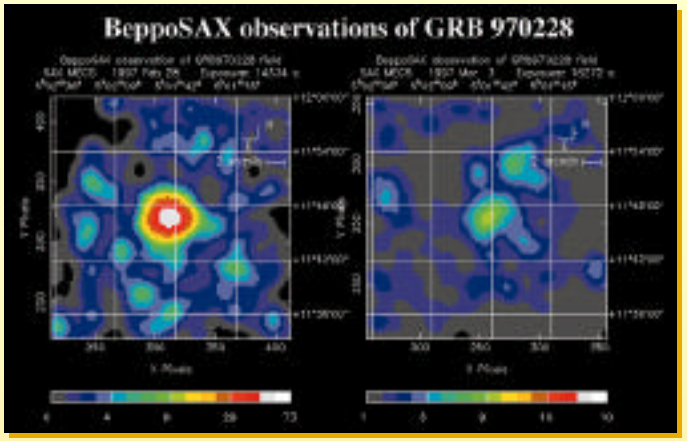
Software: Ftools & Xanadu

FTOOLS is a general software package which can manipulate any type of FITS files, and can do selection, analysis, and other scientifically useful tasks on FITS files from high-energy astrophysics missions. Currently supported missions include ASCA, ASTRO-E, CGRO, Einstein, EXOSAT, OSO-8, ROSAT, RXTE, and Vela 5B.

XANADU is a software package comprising high-level programs for spectral (XSPEC), timing (XRONOS), and imaging (XIMAGE) analysis of X-ray and gamma-ray astronomy data files.

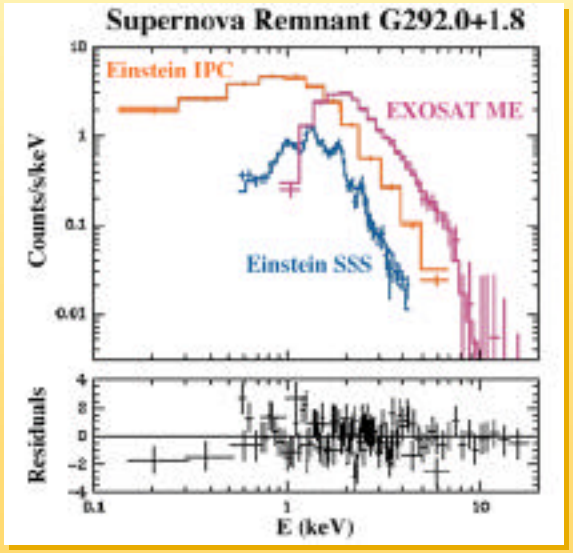
In early 2000, FTOOLS and XANADU will work in an integrated common environment and be distributed (either together or separately, according to the user's requirement) on a common release schedule.

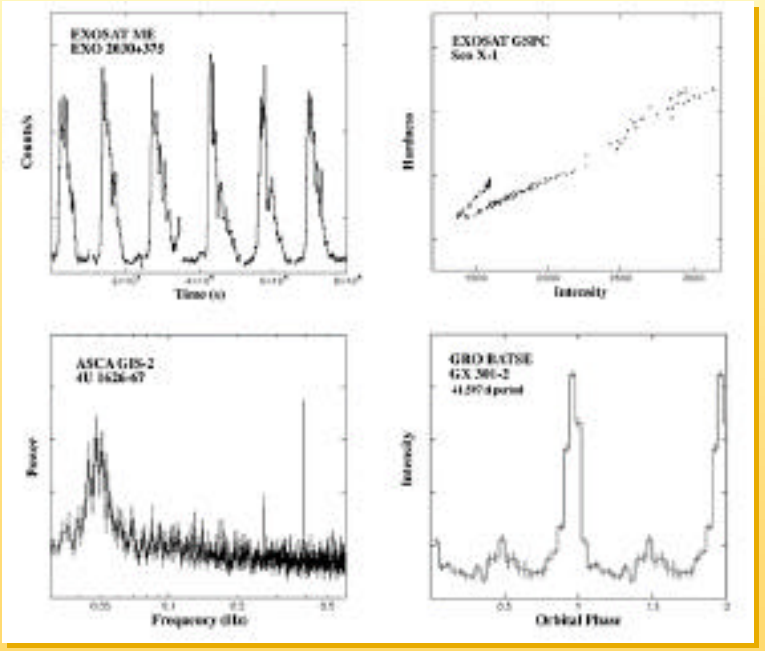
Software: Xanadu



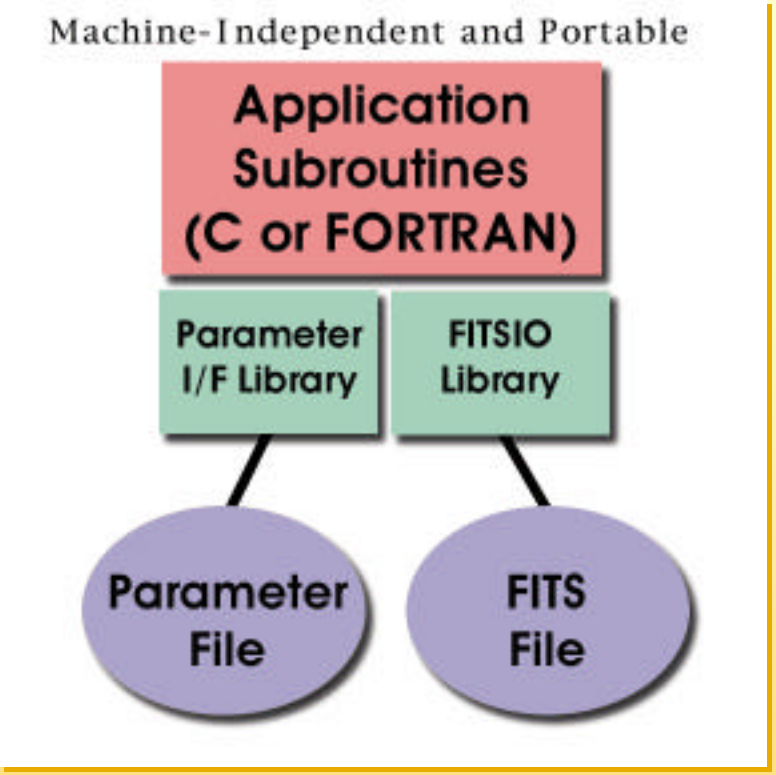
Multi-mission analysis software

- Spectral analysis: XSPEC
- Timing analysis: XRONOS
- Image analysis: XIMAGE





Software: F tools



All code written in ANSI standard C or FORTRAN. Machine-independent and portable.

All data input/output is in the form of FITS files via the CFITSIO subroutine interface, or occasionally, ASCII files.

All user input to the task is done via a parameter file.

Data Format Standards

Sample FITS File

```
XTENSION= 'BINTABLE'           /  FITS BINARY TABLE
BITPIX  =                    8 /  Binary data
NAXIS   =                    2 /  Table is a matrix
   :
   :
   :
EXTNAME = 'EVENTS  '           /  Table name
TTYPE1  = 'TIME    '           /  Label for 1st column
TFORM1  = '1D      '           /  Data type: Double precision
TTYPE2  = 'RAWX    '           /  Label for 2nd column
TFORM2  = '1I      '           /  Data type: Short integer
```

TIME	RAWX	RAWY	DETX	DETY	X	Y	PHA
24305.2	18	25	19	25	235	344	4
24306.9	211	79	213	78	874	514	7
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The HEASARC develops, coordinates and promotes standardized FITS formats for use within the High-Energy Astrophysics community.

These standards allow multi-mission analysis packages and encourage recycling of software at considerable cost savings.

The HEASARC publishes these standards on the Web and in its journal, *Legacy*. It also collaborates with new missions to ensure that their data products conform to these standards.

The HEASARC Customers

The HEASARC has 4 groups of users:

- Investigators selected to use the ASCA, ASTRO-E, BeppoSAX, CGRO, ROSAT, and RXTE observatories which include scientists
  - at US universities
  - at NASA's GSFC and other government labs
  - from around the world
- Archival researchers
- The general public, who are interested in what NASA is doing
- Teachers, parents, and school children for education and outreach

HEASARC Usage & Data Statistics

legacy and cossc ftp Gbytes transferred:

1998	1999
842 Gb	1391 Gb

All missions and software directories saw an increase in usage, except the recently concluded ROSAT.